

According to that report, “for several firms we interviewed, payment delays caused cash flow problems, prevented them from paying subcontractors and suppliers, and subjected them to costly lawsuits.”

That report further noted oversight weaknesses of prompt payment issues raised by DBEs to the FAA. This is not just an FAA issue. Those same concerns are applicable across the Department.

Despite progress in this area, major barriers impede the success of new and existing disadvantaged firms. One of those is delayed payments. If these small businesses don't get paid on time, their likelihood of remaining a viable business drastically decreases.

That is why I am grateful for the inclusion of my amendment to H.R. 22 calling on the Department of Transportation to enforce its current rules better. With that bill now law, I urge the Department to make this a priority and to strengthen efforts to make sure that these small businesses get paid on time for doing the quality work they contracted to do.

TRIBUTE TO HEATHER MCKAY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Heather McKay of Atlantic, Iowa, for being selected as the Administrator of the Year by the Iowa Press Association. This award is given to administrators for their dedication and commitment to journalism education in their schools or school districts.

Heather has a background in journalism education and understands the importance that it plays in our society today. She was an English and Journalism teacher at Atlantic High School before becoming the school principal. Throughout Heather's career she has always strived for the best from herself and especially for her students. She is devoted to helping her Atlantic High School students grow and learn so that they have the opportunity to be successful in all they pursue.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Heather for earning this award. She is a shining example of how hard work and dedication can affect the future of our youth. I urge my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Heather and wishing her nothing but continued success.

MEK IN IRAQ

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am very concerned that we are not doing enough to get the MEK out of Iraq. The MEK are Iranians stuck in a camp in Iraq because they oppose the Supreme Leader of Iran. The Iraqi government has capitulated time and again to the Supreme Leader by allowing armed militants to attack the MEK camp, even though the MEK voluntarily gave up their weapons

and have no way to defend themselves. Dozens have died in this inexcusable brutality. The MEK has given us valuable information about Iran's nuclear program and simply wants freedom for all Iranian people. The United States State Department has been dilatory in helping protect these Iranian dissidents. We need to do more to resettle the MEK in another country besides Iraq. They are not safe there.

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEFFREY HAY'S TENURE AS PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH-AMERICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the successful tenure of Mr. Jeffrey Hay as President of the British-American Business Council of North Carolina (BABC-NC). For the past three years, Mr. Hay has provided exceptional leadership at the BABC-NC that has resulted in the reemergence of the BABC-NC as a premier chapter in the BABC and has strengthened the business relationship between North Carolina and the United Kingdom.

The BABC is a transatlantic business network designed to give companies and individuals access to partner organizations, both domestic and foreign, in order to strengthen and improve their own businesses. As President of the BABC-NC, Mr. Hay is responsible for ensuring North Carolina businesses and individuals reap the full rewards of being BABC members and expand their presence in North Carolina and the United Kingdom. As a result of his efforts, the BABC-NC has been able to reach more businesses in the state, greatly impacting our state's economy.

In addition to his business-related work within the BABC-NC, Mr. Hay's impact on our community can also be seen through his efforts to help our state's future business leaders. Mr. Hay was instrumental in raising the necessary funds to continue the annual British Studies Summer Program (BSSP), a program that sends a select group of students from the Charlotte area on a two-week travel and study experience to the United Kingdom. This program allows students to gain valuable educational and life experiences which will have a lasting impact on their careers. It is with this focus on enriching the lives of others, coupled with his keen legal and business insights, which made Mr. Hay so successful during his tenure as President of the BABC-NC.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Jeffrey Hay for his successful tenure as President of the British-American Business Council of North Carolina, and thanking him for his dedication to strengthening businesses across the state of North Carolina.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MAYOR JOHN C. ADDLEMAN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mayor of Rolling Hills Estates, California, John C. Addleman, who is retiring on December 8, 2015, after 18 years of dedicated service on the City Council.

I want to commend Mayor Addleman for his commitment to our mutual constituents of Rolling Hills Estates, as well as residents of the entire Palos Verdes Peninsula and South Bay areas.

Mayor Addleman began his service to Rolling Hills Estates in 1994 by serving on the city's Planning Commission. He served three years on the Planning Commission prior to his election to the City Council in January 1997. Over the years he has served on the Budget and Audit Committee, Regional Law Enforcement Committee, Stable Concessionaire Search Committee, Economic Development Committee and Chamber Liaison, Traffic and Safety Committee Chair, L.A. County Sanitation Districts Board of Directors.

Mayor Addleman has also served on the Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority as Chair, Vice Chair to the South Bay Cities Council of Governments Metro South Bay Governance Council, and as Finance Committee Chair and Executive Member to the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board. He has also served on the Executive Board of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority and on the Transportation Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments.

Through his outstanding service to the community, Mayor Addleman has exemplified the best ideals of a public servant. I am proud to honor Mayor John C. Addleman of Rolling Hills Estates and thank him for his dedication to so many of the residents of the 33rd Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position on Roll Call vote 665. On agreeing to the Conference Report to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, I voted Aye. I wish to explain further why I voted in favor of this reauthorization.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is a good fix to the monolithic standards of No Child Left Behind. Now we have an environment that lets teachers teach and students learn, while maintaining and enhancing the original civil rights intent of the original ESEA.

While ESSA is a significant improvement over current elementary and secondary education standards, I will not claim ESSA is a perfect bill—no bill can ever claim that title. In particular, I was disappointed that all AAPI students will continue to be categorized together as one group when student performance data is aggregated and reported. The